Mrs. Bennett.

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CHICAGO CONFERENCE CONTINUATION COMMITTEE — January 17, 1925

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The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Miss Elinor K. Purves at 9:45 A.M., January 17, 1925, in Room 825.

The following members were present:

Miss Jane Harris	Miss Margaret E. Hodge	Miss Marsia Kerr
Miss Josephine Parker	Miss Elinor K. Purves	Miss Gertrude Schultz
Miss Ruth Wilder	Mrs. Chas. W. Bryan, Jr.	Miss Faye Steinmetz
	Miss Emma Jessie Ogg	Miss Lucy H. Dawson
		Miss Katharine Gladfelter

The devotional service was led by Miss Dawson.

The following topics were presented by Board members and Secretaries to cover the history of events since the last meeting of this committee.

I.	Outline of History since Chicago meeting	Miss Purves
II.	Comprehensive Program for Age Group 18-23	Miss Ogg
III.	The Comprehensive Program as Related to the Organizations of the Church	Miss Gladfelter
IV.	Inter-Board Relationships in Connection with the Comprehensive Program and its Promotion	Miss Kerr
V.	Young People's Presbyterial Organization and Finances	Miss Steinmetz
VI.	Program for Women over Twenty-three	Miss Schultz

The discussion that followed these presentations focussed upon Topic VI. The three elements of STUDY, GIVING and FELLOWSHIP were approved.

IT WAS VOTED that (2) - ½ - 3 be enlarged by the following phrase "Definite intercessory and linked definitely with Giving and Mission Study."

The discussion brought out that Fellowship should be linked both with Service and Recreation; furthermore that Fellowship should be included in Mission Training so as to teach children to have a friendly feeling.

VOTED that FELLOWSHIP be included under (2) - a-Study 3 World Citizenship Responsibility and 7 Stewardship.

The Minimum Requirements were then considered.

VOTED that the meeting adjourn for luncheon and that a recommendation be brought back regarding the Minimum Requirements to the afternoon session.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 2 P.M.

Miss Steinmetz led in opening prayer.

The recommendation regarding Minimum Requirements presented by one group that lunched together was as follows:

THAT the matter of Study in minimum requirements be committed to a committee in charge of the program with the suggestion that Missions always be included.

VOTED that this recommendation be approved.

(3) - b (The caption being GIVING)

The matter of giving money was discussed and the percentage basis under 2 had consideration, some feeling that more than 65% of the total budget should go to the Mission Boards.

Miss Helen C. Miller joined the committee at this time.

(The discussion on giving, continued)

1 under PRAYER was amended by the addition of "by members and at meetings"

VOTED that this amendment be approved.

(4) - b was amended by the omission of the phrase "either as a morning or evening branch.", and the addition of "but maintaining its direct relationship with the Woman's Presbyterial Society."

VOTED that these amendments be approved.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED that (4) - c be referred back to the committee and that the new paragraph on Relationships be included.

VOTED that this recommendation be approved.

PROGRAM - Tentative Plans for Young Women over 23

The Comprehensive Program

The demand for a single unified program which would provide adequate instruction and training for children and young people has resulted in the planning of what is called the Comprehensive Program. The working basis of this Comprehensive Program has been a recognition of the following facts:

(1) - That it should be built upon the actual and known needs of children and young people

Comprehensive Program (continued)

(2) - That since these needs are different in various ages that it should be planned in separate units known as age group divisions, namely,
a - Children's Division - Birth-12 years
Cradle Roll
Beginners
Primary
Juniors
b - Intermediates - Senior Division
12-15
15-17
c - Young People's Division 18-23
(3) - That each of these units or age group divisions should provide for a full four-fold development through a program of Instruction, Worship, Service and Recreation.

Since girls and young women under 24 are included in the group of young people in the Young People's Division, it is evident

(1) - That the needs and interests of girls and young women under 24 years of age are being met through the Comprehensive Program in its relation to them as members of Westminster Guild or other organizations.
(2) - That the needs and interests of young women over 24 years of age should be met through a program designed to give them the fullest opportunity for the development of their talents by sharing in the work entrusted to the women of the church by General Assembly.

In recognition of this fact the Woman's Committees of the Boards of Missions entrusted to Miss Gertrude Schultz, Executive Secretary of the Home Base Department of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Miss Lucy Dawson, Secretary of the Division of Promotion of the Board of National Missions, the task of preparing such a program, with the recommendation that it be based on the Findings of the Chicago Conference. A meeting was held to which Miss Schultz and Miss Dawson invited Miss Faye Steinmetz, Miss Marcia Kerr and Miss Katharine Gladfelter in order that they might assist in the working out of the program. The following decisions were reached:

(1) -That a program designed to meet the needs and interests of young women over 23 years of age should include basic elements similar to these of the Comprehensive Program, namely Instruction, Worship, Service and Recreation.

(2) -That such basic elements should be STUDY, GIVING and FELLOWSHIP. Worship is not included as a separate item because the program as projected includes Worship as an integral part of both Study and Giving. Subdivisions of these three elements were suggested as follows:

Comprehensive Program (continued

a - Study
1) Bible
2) Missions (The Presbyterian Church at Home and Abroad)
Denominational Responsibility
Basic Courses
Mission Study text-books
3) World Citizenship Responsibility (Fellowship)
4) Problems and Responsibilities of Specialised Groups (i.e. Young Mothers, Business and Professional Women)
5) The Presbyterian Church (History and Organisation)
6) Leadership Training
7) Stewardship (Fellowship)
8) Religious Art, Music and Drama

b - Giving
1) Time
This may be through the medium of service in the local church such as leadership of younger groups, assisting the pastor, and cooperating in all the activities of the church, service in community such as the making of a community survey as the basis for intelligent Welfare work, and service in the world such as the creation of right attitudes through a consideration of World Citizenship Responsibility and also contributions of supplies to the mission fields.

2) Money
A definite financial share in the specific missionary work committed to the women of the church should be assumed. Gifts of money should be made systematically, intelligently, sacrificially and proportionately.

3) Prayer - Definite, intercessory, and linked definitely with Giving and Mission Study.

c - Fellowship
The social emphasis should be not merely upon the planning of social meetings but upon the promotion of a spirit of Christian friendliness in the Home, Church and Community.

(3) - That minimum requirements, such as the following, be made:
a - Study
1) At least six meetings a year which shall be devoted to a study of National and Foreign Missions.
CHOICE - 2) At least six meetings devoted to intensive Bible Study. Such meetings to be held as a separate study class or as a part of the six missionary meetings.
3) A mission study class which may be a part of a Church School of Missions.
4) The study or presentation of at least one of the other topics suggested under study.

Comprehensive Program (continued)

b - Giving

Money -

1) Definite acceptance by the society of an apportionment for missions. Such an apportionment to be included in the Budget of the society.

2) Every member contributing to the Budget of the society on the following basis:
(65% to the Mission Boards
(15% contingent fund
(20% local and miscellaneous

Time -

1) Assuming obligations in the activities of the society.
2) Giving time through church and community enterprises.

Prayer -

1) Use of the Year Book of Prayer by members and at meetings.
2) Prayer for missionaries and the work supported at each meeting.

c - Fellowship

1) Personal and individual effort on the part of every member to interest and enlist one other person.
2) Personal and collective effort to promote the spirit of friendliness in the church and the community.

(4) - That the larger opportunity for service offered to young women by the program outlined above could be found through several possible channels, such as:

a - Through membership in a club organized to meet their specific needs and interests, such as a Business and Professional Woman's Club, Young Mother's Club.

b - Through membership in a society affiliated with the Woman's Missionary Society, but maintaining its direct relationship with the Woman's Presbyterial Society.

c - Through membership in the Woman's Missionary Society.

(Where there is more than one organization for women in the church a Federation may be formed to unify the work.)

NOTE: It is understood that all organizations whether working through a Federation or as separate groups will be affiliated with the Presbyterial Society, and thus that each will accept a definite financial responsibility in the specific Missionary work committed to the women of the church.

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Recommendations -

In considering the recommendations presented by the committee, the thought was brought out that graduation from the 18-23 age group is not giving up but growing up.

The following recommendations to be presented to the Mission Board representatives on the Age-Group Committees were made:

(1) THAT Westminster Guild be the name of the organization for young women in the 18-23 age group.

VOTED that this recommendation be approved.

(2) THAT Westminster Circle or Club be the name of the organization for girls in the 12-17 age group.

VOTED that this recommendation be approved.

The above recommendations were re-considered and it was

VOTED that "For World Service" be added to the name "Westminster Guild" as given above, i.e., that the organization for young women 18-23 be known as Westminster Guild for World Service.

The recommendations as proposed by the Committee regarding Westminster Guild and the use of the name Guild were not accepted.

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT a name be chosen for the program for young women over 23 but that such a name carry no content of organization.

VOTED that this recommendation be approved.

THAT each local group of young women over 23 using this program as outlined above be at liberty to choose its own name.

VOTED that this recommendation be approved.

Letter to all Chicago Conference Members -

IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT a letter be sent by the chairman to all members of the Chicago Conference to the effect that the program of the young people's age groups as now being worked out by the Boards of Missions and the Board of Christian Education have been an outgrowth of the Chicago Conference and assure them of the value of the Conference as a real contribution to the Young People's Work.

VOTED that this recommendation be approved.

C.C.C. - Dissolution of

The following recommendation to the Woman's Committees of the Boards of Missions was presented:

THAT if the Woman's Committees feel that this Committee has fulfilled its purpose, it be dissolved but that all members stand ready to promote the program for Young People's Work wherever they are.

VOTED that this recommendation be approved.

A vote of thanks was given the Chairman and Secretary.

Letter to Absent Members -

VOTED that the Secretary be instructed to send a special letter to the absent members of this committee as to how much they have been missed.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Miss Schultz.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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